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Mr Jim Grassiano
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RE: Louisiana-Pacific Corporation Lockhart, Alabama

Dear Mr Grassiano

As you know, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (L-P) has shut down it's facility located on Highway 55, Lockhart, Covington County, Alabama. Day to day responsibility for the site now lies with L-P Real Estate Department. The Real Estate Department will be selling equipment at the site and preparing the site for permanent closure.

Per your discussion with John Harrie on May 14, 1999, L-P is beginning the process of closing the CCA Wood Treatment facility located on the site. The facility is comprised of 5-six foot diameter wood treatment cylinders, 5 steel product storage tanks, and an approximately 17,300 square feet drip pad. The tanks, product stored in the tanks and two functional cylinders are being sold to another wood treatment facility.

L-P is in the process of preparing a Closure Plan (CP) in general accordance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) Chapter 335-14-5 Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSD). We recognize that as a small quantity generator, L-P is not required to submit a formal CP. However, to effectively close the facility, general consensus of the closure sequence by ADEM and L-P is desirable.

At this time, L-P would like to proceed with the sale of the equipment and product at the site. Approximately 700 gallons of CCA 50% concentrate, 17,600 gallons of CCA 2% working solution, and 22,000 gallons of effluent water will be transported. Prior to transport, the cylinders, piping and tanks will be washed with a pressure washer to remove dust. The system will be dismantled and placed on

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trucks for transport The product and equipment will be weighed and shipped under a bill of lading Wash water will be collected and disposed of appropriately

Following removal of this equipment, we would like to schedule an on-site meeting with ADEM to discuss the specific details of the CP Based on this meeting, L-P will compile the CP to be submitted for ADEM's review and approval Upon implementation of the CP activities, a Closure Report documenting the details of the closure will be prepared for your review

As a separate matter, L-P intends to perform maintenance activities on the remediation system at the site either during the week of June 7, 1999, or during the week of June 14, 1999 (dependant on scheduling) The system will be shut off during the maintenance period Down times will be recorded on the on-site log Liquid levels will be measured in select wells during the shut-down and start-up periods

L-P requests a written response to this letter in order to clearly document the sequence of events concerning closure of this site Should you have any questions or comments please contact Mr John Harrie at (505) 286-8047, or myself at (707) 269-7502

Sincerely,



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Re **Review of General Sequence of Events for Closure of Wood Treatment Facility in Lockhart, Alabama**
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation
Lockhart, Covington County, Alabama
USEPA I.D. No. ALD 095 687 786

Dear Mr. Sherman

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has completed its review of Louisiana-Pacific's (LP's) letter dated May 25, 1999. LP has presented its proposed sequence of events for proceeding with closure of the Lockhart facility. This letter, as requested, presents ADEM's written response regarding the Department's review of LP's proposal. In particular, LP would like ADEM's consensus with the overall sequence of events outlined in its May 25, 1999 letter prior to proceeding with the sale of equipment and development of the formal closure plan.

LP's treatment facility consists of five-6 ft diameter wood treatment cylinders, five steel product storage tanks, and a drip pad of 17,300 sq ft. LP intends to sell five steel tanks, the product stored in tanks, and two of the functional cylinders to another wood treatment facility. Approximately 700 gallons of CCA 50% concentrate, 17,600 gallons of CCA 2% working solution; and 22,000 gallons of effluent water will be transported off site.

LP is in the process of preparing a closure plan to address the drip pad as part of the overall site closure. LP has stated in its May 25, 1999 letter that it is a small quantity generator and is thus not required to submit a formal closure plan. While the facility is a small quantity generator it is also a permitted Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) facility and as such is bound by the conditions of LP's Post-Closure permit. Under the permit (which is up for renewal in December 2000), the treatment facility consists of several Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) (For example, the drip pad, several sumps, tanks, and satellite waste accumulation areas are all individual SWMUs.) Because of this designation, closure of the facility may affect the status of certain SWMUs and the Department can impose requirements to investigate the status of the SWMUs under the permit.

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In summary, the Post-Closure permit requires that LP complete all ongoing investigation activities under the permit and that all remaining contamination issues be properly resolved for the SWMUs in question under the continuing RFI process. In addition, as a result of the closure of the drip pad and CCA treatment process, it is apparent to the Department that a formal interim measures (IM) workplan meeting the requirements of Section III.E of the Post Closure Permit is required at this time. The IM Workplan will essentially address closure issues related to the drip pad and related SWMUs and should also meet the performance based closure requirements of ADEM Administrative Code 335-14-5-23 (6).

Regarding the sale of equipment, the product solutions and effluent water will reportedly be weighed and shipped under a bill of lading to the purchaser. Prior to transport, the cylinders, piping, and tanks will be pressure washed with a medium pressure, low volume washer to remove dust. LP will then dismantle the system and place it on trucks for transport to the purchaser. LP states that wash water will be collected and disposed of in accordance with all applicable ADEM regulations. Likewise, ADEM requires that any sludge or solid residuals be removed and properly disposed prior to transport.

LP's proposed schedule implies that a time extension is requested to complete RFI activities. While the Department does not necessarily approve of the time extension, it is understood that we will meet shortly to discuss these matters and at that time, LP will present a schedule to bring all activities back on track.

In conclusion, ADEM concurs with the proposed sequence of events, as reiterated for clarification purposes, by this letter. Also, ADEM can meet with LP at the site to discuss LP's forthcoming remediation plan in greater detail, as requested. Tentatively, ADEM is scheduled to meet with LP on August 3, 1999 in Lockhart to review site conditions and discuss LP's proposed approach for conducting the RFI and interim measures (i.e., closure) investigations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Jim Grassiano at 334-270-5628.

Sincerely,



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